

# The Holy Spirit

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1. To have an outline of the basics of our faith.
2. To be able to refute the cults.
3. To have unity among Christians on the absolutes.

## I Believe in the Holy Spirit

### 1. The Holy Spirit is God.

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* - Matthew 28:19

### 2. The Holy Spirit pervades the Word of God.

*“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”* - Genesis 1:2

*“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.”* - Revelation 22:17

### 3. The Holy Spirit is not a force, but a person.

*“But when **He**, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He** will guide you...”* - John 16:13

## What is the Work of the Holy Spirit?

### 1. He indwells the believer at salvation.

*“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup>set His seal of ownership on us, and **put His Spirit in our hearts** as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”* - 2 Corinthians 1:21,22

*“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”* - John 14:20

### 2. He guides the believer into truth.

*“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.”* - John 16:13

### 3. He continually fills the believer for power.

*“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.**”* - Ephesians 5:18

- It is a command. *“You, be filled”*
- It is a plural verb. *“You all be filled”*
- It is in the passive voice. *“Allow the spirit to fill”*
- It is in the present tense. *“Always be being filled”*

### • What will happen to you when you are filled with the Spirit?

*You will have power to do in a greater way what God has already directed and gifted you to do.*

*Being filled with the Spirit is not indicated by signs and wonders.*

### • How do I know if I am filled with the Spirit?

- The true mark of being Spirit-filled is obedience.
- The proof of being Spirit-filled is the fruit of the Spirit. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”* - Galatians 5:22,23

### • How do I become filled with the Spirit?

- It is as simple as asking and yielding.

### 4. He equips the believer to do ministry.

<sup>4</sup>*“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”* - 1 Corinthians 12:4,7

### 5. He directs the life of the believer.

*“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”* - John 14:26

## My Encouragement to You:

### 1. Do not grieve the Spirit.

*“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”* - Ephesians 4:30

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